



Smart Growth: From sprawl to sustainability (Paperback)

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GREEN BOOKS, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. People who live in compact, traditional towns have far smaller environmental footprints than those who live in sprawling suburbs. So why are we in thrall to urban sprawl? Are there better ways of getting about than by car? And how can 60 million people crammed into a small island find ways of treating it with respect? Urban sprawl is unsustainable in an age of climate change and peak oil. But for 100 years the UK's planning policies have been based on ideals of low-density living and attitudes that favour the individual over community, creating car-dependent lifestyles and destroying the countryside we love. This book explains what we must do to improve the quality of life in our overcrowded land. Smart Growth argues that we should look to America - a country that embraced urban sprawl and car dependency on a far grander scale than we ever did, and is now finding answers to the problem. Its `Smart Growth movement is steering a course towards better-designed, compact cities and rail-based transit systems, thereby restoring communities ruined by decades of suburban insularity.



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